

Waterloo, Iowa January 12, 2021

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Black Hawk, in the State of Iowa, met in regular adjourned meeting at the Courthouse in Waterloo, County Seat of said County, and electronically via Zoom, at nine o’clock (9:00) a.m., pursuant to law, to the rules of said Board, and to adjournment. The meeting was called to order and on roll call there were present: Linda Laylin, Tom Little, Chris Schwartz, Craig White and Dan Trelka, Chair.

Absent: None.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously.

Moved by Laylin, seconded by Schwartz that the AGENDA be received and place on file with the County Auditor as approved. Motion carried.

Little moved the following resolution seconded by Laylin.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Black Hawk County, that the Board of Supervisors APPROVE EXPENDITURES, and that the County Auditor be authorized and directed to ISSUE CHECKS, against the various settlement of such claims as allowed:

GENERAL BASIC FUND

23041	IA DEPT OF REV	state pay	61,150.85
23042	IPERS	ipers	357,661.98
23045	MADISON NATL LIFE INS	ins	618.38
23049	BICKLEY, MARK	svc	1,400.00
23051	BHC TREASURER	misc	18.92
23054	BREMER CO SHERIFF	svc	69.50
23056	COURIER	publ	585.69
23057	FISCHELS, ROBERT	rent	300.00
23059	FULLER, ANGELA	svc	1,505.00
23064	IOWA LEGAL AID	alloc	5,000.00
23065	IA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	wtr	176.67
23067	KEYSTONE LABS INC	svc	180.00
23068	KRUSE DAVID	rent	375.00
23070	MARCO INC	svc	76.08
23071	MATT PARROTT/STOREY KENWORTHY	eq	3,574.16
23073	MENARDS WLOO	supl	286.97
23074	NAPHCARE INC	svc	111,064.42
23075	NE IA FOOD BANK	alloc	7,500.00
23077	QUADIENT, INC	supl	279.46
23078	ROCK STAR REAL ESTATE	rent	390.00
23079	TOPHAT AUTOMOTIVE SYNDICATE	svc	120.00
23080	WEX BANK	fuel	878.51
23081	WHOLE EXCAVATION	svc	1,930.00
23082	DUCKWORTH, HEATHER	mil	82.49
23083	FINN, HAILEY	mil	7.10
23084	OSMANCEVIC, NEVZAD	supl	110.00
23085	POWERS, CORINNE	ml	69.03
23086	SINK, SEAVER	supl	110.00
324917	ABD PROPERTY MGMT	rent	885.00
324919	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	supl	10.19
324920	AMAZON CAPITAL SVCS INC	supl	45.96
324921	AMAZON CAPITAL SVCS INC	supl	22.00
324923	BAMECUSH	rent	300.00
324926	CALHOUN CO SHERIFF	svc	41.50
324930	CF UTILITIES	data	593.24
324931	CF UTILITIES	util	87.86
324932	CF UTILITIES	data	386.59
324935	COURIER	publ	334.00
324936	COURER	subs	174.00
324937	CUREMD.COM INC	svc	600.00
324938	DICKEYS PRINTING	supl	90.00
324941	ETR ASSOCIATES INC	supl	86.00
324943	EVELAND JOHN	rent	190.00
324945	FREDREGILL FAMILY FUNERAL HOME	svc	1,000.00
324946	GALE MOTE ASSOCIATES	svc	525.00
324947	GALLS	supl	59.95

324948	THE SHREDDER	svc	60.00
324949	GRUNDY CO SHERIFF	svc	52.75
324957	KAISER CORSON FUNERAL HOME INC	svc	1,000.00
324958	KEARNS FUNERAL SVC	svc	2,000.00
324959	KIRK GROSS CO	eq	2,154.36
324960	KROEGER MIKE	rent	450.00
324961	LINN CO	svc	2,083.33
324962	LPC CONNECT	data	118.36
324963	MERCYONE NE IA CLINIC	svc	2,888.00
324964	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	svc	12.34
324980	MID STATES ORG CRIME INFO CTR	dues	250.00
324981	MOLINA RIVAS, KAREN	rent	200.00
324982	MOTEL 6	rooms	405.00
324983	MPH INDUSTRIES INC	eq	1,595.00
324985	NATL ASSOC OF CO VET SVC OFFICERS	dues	150.00
324986	NEW ERA RENTALS	rent	200.00
324989	OPERATION THRESHOLD	alloc	5,000.00
324990	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES	prts	48.11
324991	ORTMAN, HOLLY	svc	165.00
324992	OSTBY, LISA	rent	525.00
324994	PENNY MAC LOAN SERVICING	svc	500.00
324996	PITNEY BOWES	eq lse	777.36
324997	POLK CO SHERIFF	svc	96.50
324999	POWESHIEK WATER ASSOC	wtr	329.70
325000	PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	svc	1,040.00
325001	RIVERVIEW CTR	alloc	5,000.00
325002	ROSEMARY'S CLEANING & LAUNDRY SVC	svc	202.87
325003	RUSSELL LAMSON LTD PARTNERSHIP	rent	200.00
325004	RYDELL CHEV INC	prts/lbr	877.03
325007	SAMS WHOLESALE CLUB	misc	785.56
325009	STORY CO SHERIFF	svc	68.55
325010	SUMMIT FOOD SVC	food	10,110.91
325012	SHRED MASTER	svc	50.00
325014	TITAN PROPERTY INVESTMENT	rent	500.00
325015	VERIZON WIRELESS	svc	40.01
325016	WATERFALLS CAR WASH	lbr	30.90
325018	WLOO WATER WORKS	wtr	436.42
325019	WLOO WATER WORKS	wtr	463.47
325020	WEST PAYMENT CTR	svc	1,826.34
325021	WOODBURY CO SHERIFF	svc	107.00

GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL FUND

23040	SSA	fica	1,997.54
23041	IA DEPT OF REV	state pay	522.00
23042	IPERS	ipers	3,030.16
23069	LUTHERAN SVCS OF IA	svc	1,539.45
324927	CARTER, FELICIA	svc	300.00
324987	N IA JUVENILE DETENTION SVCS	svc	23,774.56
325022	YOUTH AND SHELTER SVCS INC	svc	7,603.95

COUNTY SERVICES FUND

23041	IA DEPT OF REV	state pay	260.00
23042	IPERS	ipers	1,224.99
23045	MADISON NATL LIFE INS	ins	1.50

RURAL BASIC FUND

23041	IA DEPT OF REV	state pay	3,331.15
23042	IPERS	ipers	22,203.02

23045	MADISON NATL LIFE INS	ins	0.57
324928	CEDAR FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY	alloc	15,295.50
324940	DUNKERTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	alloc	6,625.50
324942	EVANSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY	alloc	1,246.00
324950	HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	alloc	10,844.00
324953	HUDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY	alloc	6,760.50
324956	JANESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	alloc	7,314.00
325017	WATERLOO PUBLIC LIBRARY	alloc	29,164.50

SECONDARY ROADS FUND

23041	IA DEPT OF REV	state pay	7,802.00
23042	IPERS	ipers	44,366.97
23045	MADISON NATL LIFE INS	ins	94.80
23048	ANTON SALES	eq	623.69
23053	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	svc	407.82
23058	FIX TIRE CO	fuel	59.37
23061	HARMS OIL CO	svc	13,176.58
23062	HOUSBY HEAVY EQUIP	eq	648.08
23063	CITY OF HUDSON	util	34.70
23076	NORTHLAND PRODUCTS CO	supl	928.12
324920	AMAZON CAPITAL SVCS INC	supl	115.94
324922	ASPEN EQUIPMENT CO	prts	194.56
324924	BECK, JAMES P	row	200.00
324925	BENTONS READY MIXED CONCRETE INC	supl	887.50
324929	CF UTILITIES	util	7.25
324933	CENTURYLINK	tel	51.85
324934	CINTAS CORP	svc	33.59
324939	DONS TRUCK SALES INC	eq	237.36
324944	FEREDAY HEATING CO	svc	220.00
324952	HUDSON MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTIL	util	229.59
324962	LPC CONNECT	tel	39.52
324979	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	util	33.94
324984	NAPA AUTO PARTS	prts	497.85
324988	ODEN ENTERPRISES INC	eq	17,751.84
324993	OVERHEAD DOOR CO OF WLOO INC	prts/lbr	237.25
324998	POMP'S TIRE SVC	prts	2,418.24
325005	SADLER POWER TRAIN INC	prts	4,345.69
325006	SAM ANNIS & CO	svc	651.46
325008	STOKES WELDING	eq	5,227.86
325011	TAMPLIN, JEFFREY W	svc	5,309.00
325013	THOMAS JAMES	svc	17.50

JAIL COMMISSARY FUND

23041	IA DEPT OF REV	state pay	228.00
23042	IPERS	ipers	1,628.19
23066	KEEFE SUPL CO	food	1,906.52
23072	MCKEE FOODS	food	65.60
324995	PENNY MARKETING	supl	168.10
325007	SAMS WHOLESALE CLUB	misc	723.14

ROADS & BRIDGES-DS FUND

23047	AHLERS & COONEY	bonds	23,720.00
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FUND

23047	AHLERS & COONEY	bonds	234.00
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SOLID WASTE-CAPITAL FUND			
23047	AHLERS & COONEY	bonds	11,346.00
RURAL WATER FUND			
325018	WLOO WATER WORKS	eq	2,502.28
RURAL SEWER FUND			
23055	CEDAR VALLEY PUMP	eq rpr	4,355.56
324965	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	svc	17.21
324966	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	svc	37.37
324967	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	svc	23.86
324968	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	svc	57.48
324969	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	svc	19.27
324970	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	svc	14.70
324971	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	svc	40.87
324972	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	svc	18.42
324973	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	svc	20.72
324974	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	svc	15.51
324975	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	svc	16.12
324976	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	svc	13.93
324977	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	svc	17.38
324978	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	svc	14.84
INSURANCE TRUST FUND			
23043	NAVITUS HEALTH SOLUTIONS	ins	13,426.04
23046	PREFERRED ONE INS CO	ins	118,710.36
SELF-INSUR/LIAB,PROP ETC FUND			
324954	IA COMMUNITIES ASSURANCE POOL	ins	5,350.00
SELF-INSUR/OFFICE EQ REP FUND			
23060	GORDON FLESCH CO INC	eq rpr	504.16
FLEXIBLE SPENDING FUND			
23044	EBC	flx sp	1,778.30
SOLID WASTE ADMIN FUND			
23041	IA DEPT OF REV	state pay	417.00
23042	IPERS	ipers	1,956.12
E911 SERVICE COMMISSION FUND			
23052	BHC TREASURER	pmt	41,592.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND			

23041	IA DEPT OF REV	state pay	236.00
23042	IPERS	ipers	1,166.16
324918	ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	svc	81.65
324951	HAZARDOUS MAT REG TRAINING CTR	util	1,394.69

COUNTY ASSESSOR FUND

23041	IA DEPT OF REV	state pay	2,232.00
23042	IPERS	ipers	12,834.95
23045	MADISON NATL LIFE INS	ins	53.25
23050	BHC TREASURER	svc	4,500.00
324955	IA STATE ASSOC OF ASSESSORS	dues	650.00

AYES: Laylin, Little, Schwartz, White, Trelka.
NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

RECEIVE PROJECT UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS/ELECTED OFFICIALS. County Engineer Cathy Nicholas said that the Iowa Department of Transportation is projecting that it will receive \$120 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds, which would be divided according to the Road Use Tax Fund formula.

County Sheriff Tony Thompson said that the Federal Bureau of Investigation sent out a credible threat assessment warning that state capitols and county courthouses may be targeted in the run-up to President-Elect Biden’s inauguration by lawbreakers dissatisfied by President Trump’s defeat. Thompson said that area law enforcement agencies are coordinating to meet any threats.

Health Department Director Nafissa Cisse Egbuonye said that Iowa and Black Hawk County are apparently getting COVID-19 vaccines slower than other states and other counties. The county has received 4,350 primary doses and 2,350 secondary doses of the vaccines that require two vaccinations. When vaccines are received, the county has 24 hours to determine who should receive them. The county is still distributing vaccines to the priority group in Phase 1A, moving now to dental offices, pharmacists, paramedics, firefighters and school nurses.

Moved by White, seconded by Schwartz that the MINUTES of the Board Meeting held January 4, 2021, January 5, 2021 and January 07, 2021 be and are hereby approved as submitted. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

White moved the following RESOLUTION seconded by Laylin.

- A. TO APPROVE, RECEIVE, PLACE ON FILE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR
1. The Board of Supervisors APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL JOURNAL ENTRIES, and that the County Auditor be authorized and directed to TRANSFER monies within the various funds as submitted.

Transfer from Fund	Amount	Transfer to Fund	Amount
RURAL - SHERIFF	59,348.00	GENERAL - CONS COMMUNICATIONS CTR	59,348.00
GENERAL - DHS	12,541.31	GENERAL - MAINTENANCE	12,541.31
COUNTY SERVICES	55.00	GENERAL - DHS	55.00
GENERAL - MAINTENANCE	0.01	GENERAL - DHS	0.01

2. The PAYROLL ADJUSTMENTS submitted by the various departments and the County Auditor be authorized and directed to adjust his records accordingly.

NAME	POSITION	TO	DATE	CHANGE
SHERIFF, TONY THOMPSON				
HAGARTY, CHAD E	DEPUTY SHERIFF SGT HOURLY	39.02	1/1/2021	BUDGET CODING
LANDERS, WYATT J	DEPUTY SHERIFF	30.71	12/27/2020	ANNUAL STEP INCREASE
LEADLEY, MARK R	CIVILIAN DET OFFICER	20.52	1/2/2021	SCHEDULE/SHIFT CHG
LEIN, JULIE D	DEPUTY SHERIFF SGT HOURLY	36.66	1/1/2021	PROMOTION
LOCKE, WILLIAM E	DEPUTY SHERIFF SGT HOURLY	39.02	12/31/2020	TERM PENDING
MINARD-BUTE, NICHOLAS D	BOOKING CLERK	19.92	12/27/2020	SCHEDULE/SHIFT CHG
MURPHY, JACOB D	CIVILIAN DET OFFICER	20.52	12/30/2020	SCHEDULE/SHIFT CHG
MURPHY, JACOB D	CIVILIAN DET OFFICER	19.92	1/2/2021	SCHEDULE/SHIFT CHG
NAGL, CURTIS L	DEPUTY SHERIFF	30.71	12/27/2020	ANNUAL STEP INCREASE
NICHOLS, THOMAS D	DEPUTY SHERIFF SGT HOURLY	39.02	12/31/2020	TERM PENDING
ROUSH, JESSICA L	JAIL DIVERSION SOCIAL WKR	24.14	1/6/2021	COMPLETION
SMITH, NICHOLAS R	DEPUTY SHERIFF	33.21	12/27/2020	PROBATION
ZEIEN, NICHOLAS L	CIVILIAN DET OFFICER	21.55	1/6/2021	ANNUAL STEP INCREASE
TERMINATION PENDING				
HR, AMANDA FESENMEYER				
BUNGER, DEBRA L	HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR	42.53	12/31/2020	TERM PENDING
FESENMEYER, AMANDA L	HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR	39.90	1/1/2021	PROMOTION

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, JUDY FLORES				
DAVIS, EUGENE R	CIVILIAN DISPATCHER	19.92	12/31/2020	TERM PENDING
SOLID WASTE, MANAGEMENT, JOHN FOSTER				
FOSTER, JOHN A	SOLID WASTE ADMINISTRATOR	4285.94	1/1/2021	PAY INCREASE
ENGINEER, CATHY NICHOLAS				
WALKER, SANDRA L	ACCOUNT SPECIALIST	21.78	12/31/2020	TERM PENDING
ASSESSOR, TJ KOENIGSFELD				
STAMMLER, ANTHONY P	ASR ASSESSMENT APPRAISER II	33.18	1/1/2021	PROMOTION
TROTTER, TRACY R	ASR ASSESSMENT APPRAISER II	30.48	1/1/2021	PROMOTION

3. The Sheriff’s MONTHLY REPORT of fees as of December 31st 2020.

AYES: Laylin, Little, Schwartz, White, Trelka.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA ENDS

Little moved the following resolution seconded by White.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the AGREEMENT between Black Hawk County and Allen Occupational Health for discounted rates for pre-employment screenings be approved and direct the Chair to sign for same as recommended by Amanda Fesenmeyer, Human Resources Director.

Fesenmeyer said that the cost of the agreement went up slightly in some areas.

AYES: Laylin, Little, Schwartz, White, Trelka.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

White moved the following resolution seconded by Schwartz.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Title VI AGREEMENT between Black Hawk County and the Iowa Department of transportation naming Amanda Fesenmeyer, the County Human Resources Director, as the designated Title VI coordinator be approved and direct the Chair to sign for same as recommended by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer.

AYES: Laylin, Little, Schwartz, White, Trelka.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

White moved the following resolution seconded by Schwartz.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Title VI ASSURANCE between Black Hawk County and the Iowa Department of Transportation stating that Black Hawk County comply with the following statutory/regulatory authorities; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 49 C.F.R. Part 21, and 28 C.F.R. Part 21 in order to receive Federal financial assistance from the United States Department of Transportation be approved and direct the Chair to sign for same as recommended by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer.

AYES: Laylin, Little, Schwartz, White, Trelka.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

White moved the following resolution seconded by Schwartz.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT submitted by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer, be approved and direct the Chair to sign for same: to purchase one (1) Radiant tube heating system in the amount of \$4,498.68 from Hudson Hardware, Hudson, Iowa.

Nicholas said that the system was already installed on an emergency basis.

AYES: Laylin, Little, Schwartz, White, Trelka.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

Laylin moved the following resolution seconded by Schwartz.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT submitted by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer, be approved and direct the Chair to sign for same: to purchase one (1) Overhead door opener in the amount of \$1,350.00 from Overhead Door Company, Waterloo, Iowa.

Trelka said this was another emergency that Nicholas kept the Board apprised of.

AYES: Laylin, Little, Schwartz, White, Trelka.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

At Nine-twenty-one o’clock (9:21) a.m., a public hearing was held as provided by law in the Board Room 201 of the Black Hawk County Courthouse, Waterloo, Iowa at which time all interested persons could appear to file objections on the request submitted by Shawn Kolterman at 5418 W Reinbeck Road to rezone 1.29 acres from “A” Agriculture District to “C-M” Commercial-Manufacturing in order to establish a new tree cutting/removal and ministorage business with outside storage. The property is legally described as: *THE EAST 125 FEET EXCEPT THE SOUTH 50 FEET THEREOF AND THE NORTH 120 FEET OF THE WEST 100 OF THE EAST 225 FEET THEREOF.*

The Board of Supervisors examined proof of publication of notice and determined that the notice had been published on January 6, 2021 in the Courier in accordance with the requirements of the *Code of Iowa*.

Moved by White, seconded by Laylin to receive and place on file proof of publication of notice of public hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by White, seconded by Laylin to waive the first reading. Motion carried.

Moved by White, seconded by Schwartz to close the hearing and oral and written comments were received and placed on file.

Seth Hyberger of Planning and Zoning said that that the property has a high Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) score, but only a fraction of the land is being taken out of production. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve the request. The business has five fire extinguishers onsite. Mr. Kolterman thanked the Board and staff and described his business and his family. Motion carried.

Schwartz moved the following resolution seconded by Laylin.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 12, 2020 at Nine-twenty-one o'clock (9:21) a.m., on the request submitted by Shawn Kolterman at 5418 W Reinbeck Road to rezone 1.29 acres from "A" Agriculture District to "C-M" Commercial-Manufacturing in order to establish a new tree cutting/removal and ministorage business with outside storage, and

WHEREAS, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 36, as Amended, the Black Hawk County, Iowa, Agricultural Preservation Zoning Ordinance Adopted February 2, 1999, by adding Subsection No. 247 to Section VI (B), Rezoning Certain Property" as described on the above request submitted by Shawn Kolterman and to consider same for adoption and if adopted would be known as Ordinance no. 77-247, and

WHEREAS, §331.302(5) of the Code of Iowa allows the Board of Supervisors to suspend by majority vote the requirement to consider and vote on a proposed ordinance at two meetings of the board prior to the meeting at which it is to be fully passed, and

WHEREAS, there were no corrections to the ordinance,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the rules requiring the Board of Supervisors to consider and vote on a proposed ordinance at two prior meetings be suspended.

AYES: Laylin, Little, Schwartz, White, Trelka.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

White moved the following ordinance seconded by Laylin.

WHEREAS, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 36, as Amended, the Black Hawk County, Iowa, Agricultural Preservation Zoning Ordinance Adopted February 2, 1999, by adding Subsection No. 247 To Section VI (B), Rezoning Certain Property" as described on the above request submitted by Shawn Kolterman and to consider same for adoption and if adopted would be known as Ordinance No. 77-247, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §331.302(5) of the Code of Iowa, the Board of Supervisors has suspended by majority vote the requirement to consider and vote on a proposed ordinance at two meetings of the board prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the same is hereby zoned acres from "A" Agriculture District to "C-M" Commercial-Manufacturing, and the ordinance is hereby adopted and known as Ordinance No. 77-247.

AYES: Laylin, Little, Schwartz, White, Trelka.

NAYS: None. Ordinance adopted.

Moved by White, seconded by Laylin that a LETTER OF CONCERN to the Iowa Governor regarding COVID-19 vaccines in Black Hawk County be approved and direct the Chair to sign for same.

Trelka said that he had updated the letter, which he had circulated to the supervisors, to be more timely. The letter asked the governor to make Iowa's COVID vaccine distribution strategy more fluid. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – to appoint or re-appoint three of the following to the Black Hawk County Judicial Magistrate Appointing Committee with term ending January 1, 2027: Stephen Grimm, Thomas Jennings, Geraldine Thornsberry, Frank Magsamen and/or Yeshi Abebe.

Moved by Little, seconded by White to approve Frank Magsamen. Laylin asked why the appointment process for this body is being handled differently from past appointment processes. Little said there is no difference. Laylin asked if the candidates needed to complete an application. Little said he didn't think so, since it is for a six-year term. Motion carried.

Moved by Schwartz, seconded by Laylin to approve Yeshi Abebe. Schwartz said Abebe has worked in the County Attorney's Office, the US Department of Agriculture and Congresswoman Abby Finkenauer's Office, and would increase diversity on the committee. Motion failed, Little, White and Trelka voting no.

Moved by White, seconded by Little to approve Stephen Grimm. Schwartz said an application process would have been helpful, and he would like to hear a discussion of the candidates' merits. Motion carried, Schwartz voting no.

Moved by White, seconded by Laylin to approve Geraldine Thornsberry. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION – County Preparedness and Possible Updates for COVID-19. White said he was sick of picking of masks in the parking lot, as well as temporary license plates, and he thought the county should quit providing masks to the public. Laylin asked how many are left. Superintendent of Maintenance Rory Geving said a large number. He proposed continuing to make them available, but having them in a closet by the security station, so that the security guards will hand them to visitors who need them, and people can't grab them indiscriminately. Trelka said that was a good idea.

White said he would like a daily update from the Health Department on vaccine distribution, and he thought something should be done to enforce the mask mandate in businesses. Trelka said that is a tough issue, and he doesn't know the right answer. Laylin said that anti-maskers had protested at the State Capitol, and such acts may carry over into the community.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – The Board considered various aspects of the FY22 Black Hawk County Budget.

Nicholas Rossman and Kelly Stern gave a presentation for Black Hawk County Libraries, and asked for an increase of funding from \$154,500 to \$170,000.

Moved by Little, seconded by White to increase funding to Black Hawk County Libraries by 3% (amounting to \$4,635).

Laylin said she would like to approve a higher amount, especially given the vital services provided by libraries during the pandemic. Schwartz said the request was a modest one, in comparison with other counties. White said he would like to see more numbers before supporting 10%. Motion carried, Laylin and Schwartz voting no.

Presentations were given by Tim Pearson for Friends of Iowa, asking for a new \$20,000 allocation; by Nick Smithberg for Iowa Legal Aid, asking an increase from \$20,000 to \$30,000; by Katelyn Tungland for Junior Achievement of Eastern Iowa, asking for a new \$15,000 allocation; by Barbara Prather for Northeast Iowa Food Bank, for an increase from \$30,000 to \$60,000; by Valerie L. Schwager for North Start Community Services, from \$5,000 to \$25,000; by Gwen Bramlet-Hecker for Riverview Center, from \$5,000 to \$20,000. Laylin said that the Board usually looks at the agencies after it sees where it is at with county departments, and she would like to continue that practice. Finance Director James Perry said the total request is \$175,017.20, compared to \$301,930 requested last year, and \$88,000 approved last year.

Trelka called a five-minute recess.

Schwartz and White supported considering agency requests after looking at departments. Trelka said that appears to be the majority sentiment.

Superintendent of Maintenance Rory Geving presented the Building Maintenance request, and County Sheriff Tony Thompson presented his office’s request.

Perry said that as it stands, with a 3% placeholder for salaries, but not including the 3% approved today for the libraries, the budget shows a tax rate increase of 1.4% for the urban rate (from \$6.33625 per \$1000 of taxable valuation to \$6.42329), and a decrease of 4.9% for the rural rate (from \$3.64225 to \$3.46504).

On motion and vote the meeting adjourned.

Dan Trelka, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Grant Veeder, County Auditor